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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
17 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

18 LAWRENCE YAPLE, an individual,  
19 and TRACEY YAPLE, an individual,

20 Plaintiffs,

21 v.

22 CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, a  
23 public entity, OFFICER JASON  
24 KUPKA, an individual, OFFICER  
25 CHRISTOPHER SAUCIER, an  
26 individual, OFFICER GUSTAVO  
27 RAMIREZ, an individual, OFFICER  
28 CHRISTOPHER JAMES, an  
individual, OFFICER CHRISTOPHER  
TOOTH an individual, COUNTY OF  
RIVERSIDE, a public entity, and  
DOES 1- to 20,

Defendants.

Case No.: 23-cv-01478-ODW-PD

**JOINT NOTICE OF  
CONDITIONAL SETTLEMENT**

Courtroom: 5D  
Judge: Otis D. Wright  
Magistrate: Judge Patricia Donahue

Complaint Filed: 02/24/2023  
Trial Date: October 21, 2025

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24 Plaintiffs Lawrence Yaple and Tracey Yaple and Defendants City of Desert  
25 Hot Springs, Christopher Saucier, Christopher Tooth, Jason Kupka, Christopher  
26 James, and Gustavo Ramirez (the “City Defendants”) and the County of Riverside  
27 (the “County” and collectively the “Parties”) hereby jointly notify the Court that  
28 they have reached a conditional settlement in this case. As to Plaintiffs and the

1 City Defendants, a settlement agreement and release has been executed. As to  
2 Plaintiffs and the County, a conditional settlement agreement has been executed.  
3 The settlement is conditioned upon final approval by the County of Riverside's  
4 Board of Supervisors. Such approval may take up to 90 days.

5 At this time, the Parties respectfully request that all pre-trial and trial dates  
6 be taken off calendar. Once County Board approval has been obtained, the Parties  
7 will submit a Joint Stipulation of Dismissal.

8 Respectfully submitted,

9 Dated: May 16, 2025

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12 By: /s/ Stephanie M. Skees

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9 **SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION**

10 Pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.3.4, I hereby certify that the content of this  
11 document is acceptable to Counsel for all Parties and that I have obtained Parties'  
12 counsel's authorization to affix their electronic signatures to this document.

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/s/ Stephanie M. Skees

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